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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claims 10, 15 and 42, and amendment of previously pending claims 1, 11-13, 16-32, 43-45, 47 and 54-57. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

Please delete claims 10, 15, and 42

Please amended claims 1, 11-32, 43-45, 47 and 54-57 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method of metallizing a substrate, comprising:
depositing a dual-purpose layer on the substrate;
electrochemically reducing oxides on the surface of the dual-purpose layer using a first electrolyte where the first electrolyte is the cation of the anode in an electrochemical reaction cell; and
electrochemically depositing a conductive interconnect layer on the surface of the dual-purpose layer using a second electrolyte.
11. (Once Amended) The method of claim 12 [10], wherein the anode is formed from titanium or titanized platinum.